



# Visiting Forces (British Commonwealth) Act 1933

1933 CHAPTER 6 23 and 24 Geo 5

## 8 Interpretation, &c.

(1) In this Act—

“The Commonwealth” means the British Commonwealth of Nations, and “Dominion” has the same meaning as in the <sup>M1</sup>Statute of Westminster, 1931;

“Home forces” means the naval, military and air forces of His Majesty raised in the United Kingdom; and “home force” includes any body, contingent, or detachment of any of the home forces, wherever serving;

“Visiting force” means any body, contingent or detachment of the naval, military and air forces of His Majesty raised in the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand, . . . . . <sup>F1</sup>, the Irish Free State . . . . . <sup>F2</sup> which is, with the consent of His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom, lawfully present in the United Kingdom;

“Forces” includes reserve and auxiliary forces;

“Court” includes a service Court of Inquiry, and any officer of a visiting force who is empowered by the law of that part of the Commonwealth to which the force belongs to review the proceedings of a service court, or to investigate charges, or himself to dispose of charges, and the expression “sentence” shall be construed accordingly;

“Internal administration” in relation to any visiting force includes the administration of the property of a deceased member of the force; and

“Member” in relation to a visiting force includes any person who is by the law of that part of the Commonwealth to which the force belongs subject to the naval, military or air force law thereof, and who, being a member of another force, is attached to the visiting force, or, being a civilian employed in connection with the visiting force, entered into his engagement outside the United Kingdom.

(2) An Order in Council under this Act may be revoked or varied by a subsequent Order in Council.

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words repealed by [South Africa Act 1962 \(c. 23\)](#), **Sch. 5**
- F2** Words repealed by [Newfoundland \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1950 \(c. 5\)](#), **Sch. Pt. II**

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 8\(1\)](#) applied by enactments listed in Chronological Table of the Statutes
- C2** Irish Free State now known as the Republic of Ireland: [Eire \(Confirmation of Agreements\) Act 1938 \(c. 25\)](#), **s. 1** and [Ireland Act 1949 \(c. 41\)](#), **s. 1**

### Marginal Citations

- M1** [1931 c. 4 \(22 & 23 Geo. 5\)](#).

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